

Selectmen/Assessor's Meeting Minutes  
July 1, 2014

**Board Present:** Greg Grotton, Lyle Cramer, Elmer Savage, Jim Justice and Sara Moore.

**Also Present:** Jay Feyler, Jean Grimord, Doris Vertz, Beth Birmingham, Joseph Patricia, Dana Kennedy, Katherine and Jim Miller.

1. **Call Selectmen's Meeting to Order:** by Chair at 6:00PM.
2. **Executive Session Poverty Abatement Request Case #5-1:** Motion made by Jim Justice to go into Executive Session at 6:00PM. Seconded by Elmer Savage. Unanimous. Motion made by Jim Justice to come out of Executive Session at 6:20 PM. Seconded by Elmer Savage. Unanimous. Motion made by Jim Justice to deny Poverty Abatement Request Case #5-1 as incomplete. Seconded by Sara Moore. Unanimous.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** given by all who wished.
4. **Public Comment:** there was none.
5. **Approve Minutes of June 17, 2014:** Motion made by Jim Justice to approve minutes. Seconded by Sally Moore.
6. **Approval of Ethics Policy:** Motion made by Jim Justice to approve Ethics Policy as presented. Seconded by Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
7. **Approve and Sign Annual Appointment Papers:** Town Manager Appointments the Board confirms:
  - Grant Watmough: Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer, Plumbing Inspector and Alternate GA Administrator.
  - Jim Murphy: Fire Police
  - Paul Wyman: Fire Police
  - Suzanne White: Animal Control Officer

Cortland Bennett: Animal Control Officer  
Marcy Corwin: Town Clerk, Tax Collector  
Kevin Soule: Fire Chief, EMA Director  
Jeff Grinnell: Ambulance Director  
Michelle Clifford: Alternate GA Administrator  
Janis Harriman: Alternate Director of Cemeteries  
Myrna Soule: Director of Cemeteries  
Robert Wiggins: Sealer of Weights and Measures  
Bill O'Donnell: Alternate CEO, LPI  
Vicki Harriman: Health Officer  
Richard Weimer: Alternate Health Officer  
Motion made by Lyle Cramer to confirm Town Manager  
Appointments as presented. Seconded by Jim Justice. Unanimous.

Selectmen Appointments:

Jay Feyler: Public Access Officer, GA Administrator and Road  
Commissioner.  
Patrick Mellor: Parks and Recreation Committee.  
Michelle Clifford: Registrar of Voters.  
Maria Pease: Planning Board.  
Naomi Miller: Parks and Recreation Committee.  
Walter Rich: Veterans Monument Committee.  
Donald Hills: Veterans Monument Committee.  
James Justice: Veterans Monument Committee.  
Paul Doughty: Veterans Monument Committee.  
Greg Grotton: Veterans Monument Committee.  
Sherwood Hilt: Veterans Monument Committee.  
Lyn Athearn: Tri County Solid Waste Committee.  
John Shepard: Tri County Solid Waste Committee.  
Alice Lunt: Scholarship.  
Barbara Fang: Scholarship.  
Mary Butler: Scholarship.  
Motion made by Lyle Cramer to approve Selectmen Appointments as  
presented. Seconded by James Justice. Unanimous.

8. **Approve Liquor License renewal for Badger:** Motion made by Jim Justice to approve Liquor License renewal for Badger. Seconded by Sara Moore. Unanimous.
9. **Vote for LPC representatives:** Motion made by Jim Justice to recommend William Chapman and Jay Feyler to MMA Association's Legislative Policy Committee. Seconded by Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
10. **Approve 10% transfers:** At Jay's suggestion Board tabled this item.

**11. General Assistance vote on benefits to illegal aliens:** Jay said Maine Municipal Association has put this in front of a Judge to get an opinion because right now we are between a rock and a hard place. The Governor is saying if you give GA to illegal aliens you will lose all your GA benefits. The General Assistance Law says General Assistance is based solely on need. It says nothing about legal status. The Attorney General says if you refuse that the Town's are going to be sued for failing to abide by the Law and for discrimination. We have a lot of migrant workers around here so it's possible we could get one. Maine Municipal recommends that the Board's vote and their recommendation is that you continue to give them benefits if they ask because they feel quite strongly that the Governor's mandate will be overturned. Jay said most likely will be some sort of decision in Court within the next week to ten days that the Judge will either put the whole thing on hold and make a decision later. Motion made by Lyle Cramer to deny benefits to Illegal Aliens. Seconded by Jim Justice. Lyle commented he hates to deny kids but on the other hand the President gave the illegal aliens a break by saying he was not going to enforce the current Immigration Law saying illegal aliens should be shipped backed to their own country and that is what precipitated the tens of thousands kids coming across the border. Jay reminded the Board the lawyers have suggested you continue paying. Elmer said just don't misconstrue my vote. I am voting the way I'm going to vote to do it until a decision comes down. Chair asks for vote. Four for. (Grotton, Justice, Cramer and Moore). One opposed. (Savage).

**12. Sign Treasurer's Warrant July 2, 2014:** Motion made by Jim Justice to sign Treasurer's Warrant. Seconded by Sara Moore. Unanimous.

**13. Other Business:** Board needs to approve Warren Three Links Club License application to operate Bingo against Chance at Union Fair. Motion made by Jim Justice to approve Warren Three Links Club application. Seconded by Lyle Cramer. Unanimous. We received three bids for Town roadside mowing. Dana Kennedy for \$7800.00. James Miller for \$7743.12. Frederick Drew for \$6,440.00. Jay would not recommend Drew from some past history that he's seen in Warren. Motion made by Jim Justice to recommend Jim Miller's bid of \$7743.12 for a two year contract. Seconded by Elmer Savage. Unanimous. Jay noted we also have the area at the dump and Dana will do that one. We received six bids for the demo of the Sand and Salt shed. One bid came after the deadline; Jay will not open that one. Farley and Son for \$25,838.00. Jarr Management for \$19,250.00. Jake Barbour for \$18,500.00. Gordon Contracting for \$38,940.00. George Hall for \$13,575.00. Motion made by Jim Justice to award the contract to George Hall for demolition of Salt and Sand Shed. Seconded by Lyle Cramer. Unanimous. Jay said there are no

restrictions for picnic tables on the Common and as he thought about it we allow the Farmer's Market to be there as a Commercial venture. He told Mert maybe a couple with a trash can that is removed every night and that would be up to the Board. Jay recommends that we try it for the summer and see if it works if we have problems then it won't happen again. Greg said the Pizza Shop opens at 11:00 and he has seen people crossing the street to eat their sandwiches and pizzas on the benches he has not seen a lot of trash as a result of that and thinks we should give it a try. Motion made by Lyle Cramer to allow people to eat on the Common. Seconded by Sara Moore. Unanimous.

14. **Town Manager's Report:** Tomorrow paving will start on Clarry Hill then Payson, Daniels and Short St. Jim asked that it be in the minutes that after they do the shimming that it's has to sit for three to four weeks. Jay said it is online and in the newsletter so people will know. Public Works weather permitting will be in early next week to do the striping on the Common, Office parking area and Ayer Park.
15. **Selectmen Report:** Greg asked again about the Gazebo. Jay said John told him it would be done for Founder's Day.
16. **Future Agenda Items:** Motion made by Jim Justice that we cancel the second meeting in August due to Union Fair Week. Seconded by Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.
17. **Adjourn:** Motion made by Jim Justice to adjourn at 7:30PM. Seconded by Lyle Cramer. Unanimous.

These minutes were approved on July 18, 2014 with the following amendments.